

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed January 26, 2005. Claims 1-19 were pending in the Application. In the Office Action, Claims 1-7, 13, 14, 17-19 were rejected, Claims 15 and 16 were objected to and Claims 8-12 were withdrawn from consideration. In order to expedite and advance the prosecution of this Application, Applicants amend Claims 1, 6 and 13. Thus, Claims 1-7 and 13-19 remain pending in the Application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

In the Office Action, the following actions were taken or matters were raised:

RESTRICTION/ELECTION

Applicants confirm the election without traverse of claims 1-7 and 13-19 for examination in response to the Examiner's restriction and request for election. Claims 8-12, treated by the examiner as having been withdrawn, has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Applicants expressly reserve the right to further prosecute Claims 8-12 in a divisional application(s).

SECTION 102 REJECTIONS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 13, 14, 17-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0039205 issued to Chang (hereinafter "*Chang*"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Of the rejected claims, Claims 1 and 13 are independent. Applicants respectfully submit that *Chang* does not disclose or even suggest each and every limitation of amended independent Claims 1 and 13. For example, Applicants respectfully submit that *Chang* does not disclose or even suggest "a template body adapted to receive a media object to be scanned" and "an element disposed on the template for generating an optical pattern when scanned" as recited by amended Claim 1, and "a template adapted to receive a media for scanning, the template comprising an element for generating an optical pattern when scanned in the scanner system" as recited by amended Claim 13.

Chang appears to disclose a scanning apparatus having a transparency adapter 11, a box 12, and a plurality of frames 14 (*Chang*, paragraph 0024). *Chang* also appears to disclose that the transparency adapter 11 of *Chang* is attached to a cover 22 of the scanner apparatus of *Chang* and has a window 112 and a light emitting element 111 for emitting light to the article to be scanned through the window 112 (*Chang*, paragraph 0024). The frames 14 of *Chang* appear to be used for fixing or

holding an article to be scanned (*Chang*, paragraphs 0024 and 0028, figure 3). In the Office Action, the Examiner refers to an element for generating an optical pattern when scanned in the scanning system of *Chang* (Office Action, page 3, referring to paragraph 0026 of *Chang*). The Examiner is apparently referring to the optical recognition mark 122 disposed on box 12 of *Chang* (*Chang*, paragraph 0026). Applicant respectfully points out to the Examiner that the box 12 of *Chang* is used to store the frames 14 of *Chang* apparently when the frames 14 of *Chang* are not in use (“When frames 14a, 14b, and 14c for fixing articles are not used, it is possible to place them into box 12. Then secure frames [14] . . . and box 12 to cover 22. This is a preferred form of storing frames [14]” (*Chang*, paragraph 0028)). In fact, *Chang* discloses that “box 12 in an opaque member being releasable secured to transparency adapter 11 [on cover 22]” where “[w]indow 112 is entirely covered when box 12 is secured to transparency adapter 11” (*Chang*, paragraph 0024). Thus, the box 12 of *Chang* is apparently not used to hold or support objects or articles to be scanned but, in contrast, is only used to store the frames 14 of *Chang* when the frames 14 of *Chang* are not in use. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that *Chang* does not disclose or even suggest “a template body adapted to receive a media object to be scanned” and “an element disposed on the template for generating an optical pattern when scanned” as recited by amended Claim 1, or “a template adapted to receive a media for scanning, the template comprising an element for generating an optical pattern when scanned in the scanner system” as recited by amended Claim 13. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that *Chang* does not anticipate amended independent Claims 1 and 13.

Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 14, 17 and 18 that depend respectively from independent Claims 1 and 13 are also not anticipated by *Chang* at least because they incorporate the limitations of respective Claims 1 and 13 and also add additional elements that further distinguish *Chang*. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 14, 17 and 18 be withdrawn.

SECTION 103 REJECTIONS

Claims 4 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chang*. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 4 and 9 depend from independent Claim 1. At least for the reasons discussed above, independent Claim 1 is patentable over the cited reference. Therefore, Claims 4 and 9 that depend from independent Claim 1 is also patentable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 4 and 9 be withdrawn.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS:

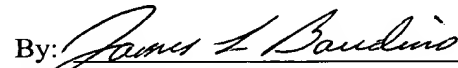
Claims 15 and 16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner indicated that Claims 15 and 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 15 and 16 depend from independent Claim 13. For at least the reasons discussed above, independent Claim 13 is in condition for allowance. Therefore, Claims 15 and 16 that depend therefrom are also in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request that the objection to Claims 15 and 16 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

No fee is believed due with this Response. If, however, Applicants have overlooked the need for any fee due with this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this Response to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 of Hewlett-Packard Company.

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